



# HAPPY HIGHLIGHTS

Goshen Montessori Preschool

## Units of Study

Color: **Red**

Food: **Cranberries + Pomegranates**

Science: **Birds**

Geography & Culture: **Europe**

Music: **Pitch**

Art: **Holiday Art**

Movement: **Inspired by Birds + Holidays**

Holidays & Celebrations: **Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza , Winter Solstice**

## Winter Break

Just a friendly reminder that GMP will be closed for Winter Break 12/24/24-1/2/25.

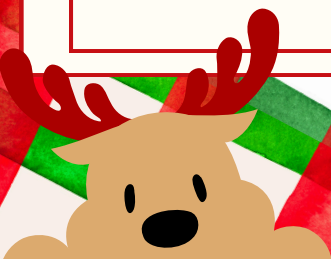
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## December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our December Birthday Friends: Nora (Toddler)

December 2024



# CELEBRATING THE *Holiday Season*



As we approach the holiday season, many of us look forward to celebrating with various family traditions. At Goshen Montessori Preschool, we embrace the opportunity to explore a variety of cultural practices and holiday traditions from around the world. This encourages our children appreciate the diversity that makes our global community so rich and unique. In Montessori education we believe learning about the customs, beliefs, and celebrations of others cultivates respect, empathy, and curiosity from a young age.

Montessori philosophy encourages children to engage with the world around them in a way that connects them to their broader community. By learning about different holiday traditions, children develop an appreciation for the wide range of ways people celebrate. Whether it's Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa etc., each celebration offers a unique opportunity to learn about different histories, values, and customs that reflect the beauty of humanity.

At Goshen Montessori Preschool, our teaching approach emphasizes learning through experience, and we encourage children to explore different cultures and celebrations through stories, songs, crafts, and foods that represent these celebrations. This hands-on learning helps children not only understand the significance of these traditions but also a sense of global citizenship, recognizing that each culture adds value to the collective tapestry of our world.

By introducing children to a variety of traditions, we hope to foster an environment where curiosity and open-mindedness thrive. Our goal is not just to teach about holidays but to instill a lifelong respect for all cultures, nurturing children to become compassionate, inclusive individuals. During this holiday season, we invite families to join us in embracing the beauty of our shared humanity and the joy of learning about the many ways people come together to celebrate life. Cheers!

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